



**SMILING WINNER** of Americanism essay contest sponsored by Pacific State Bank is Lucy Fitzpatrick, eight-year-old Torrance girl, of 4904 Emerald St., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fitzpatrick. Lucy is shown

being handed \$50 U.S. bond by Keith Pischel, manager of the bank's Torrance branch building at Normandie and Carson. Lucy was first in Centinela Valley.

—PRESS photo

## Lucy's Only 8, But She's An Expert on Patriotism

Eight-year-old Lucy Fitzpatrick, 4904 Emerald St., has won top honors in an Americanism Essay contest sponsored by Pacific State Bank.

The bank held the event to celebrate its eighth anniversary. The contest was open only to children eight years of age who completed the sentence, "I am proud to be an American because."

Lucy's award-winning completion was: "... of five good reasons. First, America is a free country. Second, our country had great leaders and still has them. Third, all men are created equal. Congress has many precious documents. Fourth, America is one nation under God, and fifth, it's the most beautiful country in the world."

For her efforts, Lucy received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. It was presented to her by Keith Pischel, manager of the Bank's Torrance office, in ceremonies held at

the bank building.

Lucy won over scores of young people from various Centinela Valley communities. Second and third place winners were from Hawthorne.

Judges of the contest were three mayors, Albert Isen of Torrance; Raymond Creal of Hawthorne and Raymond Slaney of Rolling Hills Estates.

### Film Scheduled

Senior citizens who are arm chair adventurers or world-wide travelers are invited to attend travel films Thursday at 7:30 p.m., at the Torrance Adult Center, 1318 Cravens Blvd.

This is the second of a monthly series of travel films and current events discussions presented by City Councilman Ross Sciarrotta. Everyone is invited; there is no admission charge.

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He was formerly a quality control test technician for the Nortronics Division of Northrup Aircraft at the Research Park, Palos Verdes Estates.

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